



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

March 25, 2021
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Permit No. QC 945

SPECIAL PERMIT TO SHIP FRESH BLUEBERRIES FROM FLORIDA TO CALIFORNIA

Under authority of Section 3154 (Secretary May Issue Special Permits), Title 3, California Code of Regulations, permission is granted to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) to authorize shipments of fumigated fresh blueberries, which would otherwise be prohibited by Section 3266, Plum Curculio and Blueberry Maggot Exterior Quarantine, grown in and shipped from Florida to California under the following conditions:

1. Each shipment of blueberries shall have been fumigated with methyl bromide at atmospheric pressure by one of the following schedules:
 - 32 g/m³ (2 lbs/1,000 ft³) for 2 hours at 27.7°C (82°F) or above; or
 - 32 g/m³ (2 lbs/1,000 ft³) for 2-1/2 hours at 22.2-27.2°C (72-81°F); or
 - 32 g/m³ (2 lbs/1,000 ft³) for 3 hours at 16.6-21.6°C (62-71°F); or
 - 32 g/m³ (2 lbs/1,000 ft³) for 3-1/2 hours at 10-16.1°C (50-61°F).
2. The fumigation shall be done by applicators that are registered or certified in fumigation pest control.
3. Each fumigation shall be monitored and supervised by an authorized representative of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
4. Each shipment of blueberries shall be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate issued by an authorized representative of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services evidencing compliance with the fumigation requirements of this permit. This certificate also shall state the number of cartons in the shipment and the name and address of the consignee.
5. The vehicle transporting each shipment of fumigated blueberries to California shall be sealed at origin under the supervision of an authorized representative of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. The seal shall not be broken until arrival of the vehicle and shipment in California.
6. If the blueberries are shipped by air, the plane cargo container need not be sealed, provided each sub-container is stamped, by an authorized representative of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, verifying the blueberries have been fumigated and certified as required by this permit. The stamp at all times shall be maintained by and under the control of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
7. Each shipment of fumigated blueberries shall be subject to inspection by plant quarantine officials in California.



Violation of any of the conditions of this permit, or the detection of any serious live plant pest in any shipment authorized by this permit, shall be sufficient cause for immediate revocation of this permit.

Unless earlier revoked, this permit is valid through March 31, 2022.

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